

## APPENDIX C-3

# NEW HAMPSHIRE RECREATION & CONSERVATION LEADERS' SURVEY COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

This project is designed to provide information regarding the recreation/conservation planning needs and management priorities for communities throughout the state of New Hampshire. The hope is that the results from this survey can be used to provide benchmarks for the purposes of comparison between similar communities. The effectiveness of this project is dependent on wide participation, and we appreciate your willingness to answer the questions that follow.

### Part I: Background Information

- Please provide the name of the community you serve: \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the title of your department or administrative unit (e.g. Conservation Commission, Parks & Recreation Department) \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the approximate population of the community you serve?  
Year-round residents: \_\_\_\_\_ Seasonal residents: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please estimate your **total annual operating budget** for conservation efforts in your community.  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Part II: Funding & Support

- Using the scale below, rate the following funding sources based on their estimated (%) contribution to your operating budget:

| Funding Source                          | 0%<br>or NA              | 1-<br>10%                | 11-<br>20%               | 21-<br>30%               | 31-<br>40%               | 41-<br>50%               | 51-<br>60%               | 61-<br>70%               | 71-<br>80%               | 81-<br>90%               | 91-<br>100%              |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Taxes/Appropriated funds                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| User fees/charges                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public (state or federal grants)        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Private foundation grants               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Impact fees                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Private donations (i.e. personal gifts) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Corporate sponsorships                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- Additional funding sources not listed above AND their estimated % contribution to your organization's budget:

- Please provide the number of staff that your organization utilizes for the purposes of conservation efforts in the following categories:

\_\_\_\_\_ Full-time, paid

\_\_\_\_\_ Part-time/seasonal, paid

\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer

\_\_\_\_\_ Contracted staff

- Overall, how has the public funding support for public conservation efforts in your community changed over the past 5 years (check one):

☐ Remarkable improvement

☐ Improvement

☐ Stayed about the same

☐ Decline

☐ Remarkable decline

- Which statement best reflects the **philosophy** of your conservation commission with respect to conservation/natural resources protection and/or the promotion of outdoor recreation activities:

☐ Our primary purpose is the protection and/or conservation of natural resources.

☐ Our primary purpose is the development and/or promotion of public outdoor recreation use on conservation land.

☐ Our primary purpose is to promote a balance between conservation and recreation use of natural resources.

### **Part III: Control and Maintenance of Outdoor Recreation Resources**

- Please indicate whether **your organization** controls, maintains or has agreements with others for the following outdoor recreation resources in your community. For each, please indicate whether existing resources are adequate to meet the demands of your users.

| Recreation Resource                     | Yes –<br>we control<br>and/or maintain | No – we do<br>not control<br>or maintain | Adequate to<br>meet<br>demand | Inadequate<br>to meet<br>demand |
|---|--|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Bike lanes/paths                        | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                 | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>        |
| Historical or cultural sites            | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                 | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>        |
| Multi purpose (non-motorized) trails    | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                 | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>        |
| Motorized recreational trails           | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                 | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>        |
| Nature/hiking trails                    | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                 | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>        |
| Developed parks                         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                 | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>        |
| Greenway corridors                      | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                 | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>        |
| Downhill snow skiing/snowboarding areas | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                 | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>        |

|  |   |   |  |  |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| Cross-country ski or snowshoe areas      | <input type="checkbox"/>                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                          | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                 |
| Nature center/s                          | <input type="checkbox"/>                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                          | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                 |
| Community garden/s                       | <input type="checkbox"/>                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                          | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                 |
| Town or city forests                     | <input type="checkbox"/>                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                          | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                 |
| Boat launches                            | <input type="checkbox"/>                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                          | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                 |
| <b>Recreation Resource</b>               | <b>Yes –<br/>we control<br/>and/or maintain</b> | <b>No – we do<br/>not control<br/>or maintain</b> | <b>Adequate to<br/>meet<br/>demand</b> | <b>Inadequate<br/>to meet<br/>demand</b> |
| Public beach/es                          | <input type="checkbox"/>                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                          | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                 |
| Natural areas                            | <input type="checkbox"/>                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                          | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                 |
| Public outdoor spaces (i.e. town common) | <input type="checkbox"/>                        | <input type="checkbox"/>                          | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>                 |

- Are there any other recreational facilities or resources in your community that you control and/or maintain? Please note/list here:

#### **Part IV: Planning Priorities**

Please indicate whether you have *needs* (broad planning priorities) or specific *plans* (new facilities coming on-line) for the following recreation facilities in the next 5 years.

| <b>Recreation Facility/Resource</b>                   | <b>Broad Need<br/>in next 5<br/>years</b> | <b>Specific Plans<br/>in next 5<br/>years</b> | <b>Neither</b>           | <b>Not Sure</b>          |
|---|---|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bike lanes/paths                                      | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historical or cultural sites                          | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Multi purpose (non-motorized) trails                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Motorized recreational trails                         | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Nature/hiking trails                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Developed parks                                       | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Greenway corridors                                    | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Downhill skiing/snowboard areas                       | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cross-country ski or snowshoe areas                   | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Nature/environmental center                           | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Community gardens                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Town or city forests                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Boat launches   | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public beach/es                                       | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Natural areas   | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public outdoor spaces (i.e. town common)              | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Non-motorized linkages to other recreation facilities | <input type="checkbox"/>                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- Are there any other planned facilities which have not been mentioned? Please note/list here:

## **Part V: Partnerships/Community Collaboration**

The following 3 sections are designed to better understand the partnerships which are occurring to facilitate recreation and conservation efforts in your community.

Section 1 asks you to rate the general **importance** of partnerships with various community groups/organizations.

Section 2 asks you to rate your organization's actual **level of engagement** with these various community groups.

Section 3 asks you to rate the **benefits** to your organization from partnerships in your community.

### **Section 1:**

Please **rate the importance** of partnerships with the following community groups or organizations to assist in conservation or outdoor recreation efforts in your community. If the group or organization does not exist in your community, check "not at all important" for the purposes of this study.

| <b>Partner Group</b>                                     | <b>Not at all Important</b> | <b>Somewhat Important</b> | <b>Important</b>         | <b>Very Important</b>    | <b>Extremely Important</b> |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Schools  | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Parks & recreation department                            | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Individual businesses/commercial providers               | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Chamber of Commerce                                      | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Tourism/Visitor's Bureau                                 | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Voluntary youth sport organizations                      | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Voluntary community groups (non-sports related)          | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Police department  | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Hospitals or health care providers/educators.            | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Transportation or public works department                | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Colleges/universities                                    | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Landowners (for right-of-way and open-space acquisition) | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Public housing authority                                 | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Senior citizen's council or group                        | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| State agencies (DRED, OEP, NHFG, DES, HHS, etc.)         | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Board of Selectmen or Town/City Council                  | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Planning Board/Planning department                       | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Trails groups  | <input type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   |

- Other groups or organizations that you believe are important partners for conservation/recreation efforts in your community:

## Section 2:

Please estimate **your organization's actual level of engagement** with the following groups to assist in conservation or outdoor recreation efforts in your community. If the group or organization does not exist in your community, check "not at all engaged" for the purposes of this study.

| Partner Group  | Not at all Engaged       | Somewhat Engaged         | Engaged                  | Very Engaged             | Extremely Engaged        |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Schools  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Parks and recreation department                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Individual businesses/Commercial providers               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Chamber of commerce                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tourism/Visitor's Bureau                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Voluntary youth sports organizations                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Voluntary community groups (non-sports related)          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Police department  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hospitals or health care providers/educators             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Transportation or public works department                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Colleges/universities                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Landowners (for right-of-way and open-space acquisition) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public housing authority                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Senior citizen's council or group                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| State agencies (DRED, OEP, NHFG, DES, HHS, etc.)         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Board of Selectmen or Town/City Council                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Planning board/Planning department                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trails groups  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## Section 3: Organizational Benefits of Partnerships

Please rate the importance of the following benefits as they relate **specifically to your organization's partnership efforts**.

| Our partnerships help us to...                              | Strongly Disagree        | Disagree                 | Neither Agree/Disagree   | Agree                    | Strongly Agree           |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ...avoid duplication of services with other organizations.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...contribute to solving complex problems in our community. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...better meet the needs of our constituents.               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ...avoid unnecessary competition with other organizations. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...gain access to additional recreation facilities.        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...enhance our organization's prestige in the community.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| <b>Our partnerships help us to...</b>  | <b>Strongly Disagree</b> | <b>Disagree</b>          | <b>Neither Agree/Disagree</b> | <b>Agree</b>             | <b>Strongly Agree</b>    |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ...create opportunities for professional growth and development for our staff. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...help reduce or limit our organizational costs.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...enhance our staff's expertise in specialized areas.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...meet our organizational goals and mandates.                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...contribute to community development efforts.                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...increase access to additional funding                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...create flexibility in our organizational structure (ex: outsourcing).       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ...increase the number of staff/volunteers that we utilize.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... increase our organization's visibility in the community.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ... acquire and/or provide access to land and/or other natural areas.          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

➤ Please discuss any additional benefits that your organization accrues from your partnership efforts:

➤ Please rate the following management priorities related to conservation efforts in your community.

| <b>Management objectives</b>   | <b>Not a priority</b>    | <b>Low Priority</b>      | <b>Medium Priority</b>   | <b>High priority</b>     |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Improving facility maintenance/upkeep  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increasing full-time staffing levels   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Addressing user conflicts at recreation facilities                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Acquiring land and/or open-space   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increasing budget for capital improvement and/or land/resource acquisition   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Marketing recreation opportunities to residents                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Providing incentives to encourage public outdoor recreation on private lands | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Recruiting and retaining volunteers  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Addressing issues related to vandalism                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Addressing risk management/legal liability protocols or issues  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Preserving historic and cultural resources  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Protecting important natural areas  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increasing budget for annual operating expenses   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ensuring public access to water-based recreation resources (beaches, rivers, coast)   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Management objectives</b>  | <b>Not a priority</b>    | <b>Low Priority</b>      | <b>Medium Priority</b>   | <b>High priority</b>     |
| Increasing law enforcement on existing conservation and/or recreation facilities  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Developing new facilities for organized sports and athletic activities  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improving connectivity of community through pedestrian/bicycle linkages   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Supporting local and regional planning to promote open space and trails planning efforts  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Actively seeking new funding approaches   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Incorporating conservation planning into community discussions about smart growth planning and zoning approaches.               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Addressing overuse of conservation/recreation areas.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Addressing resource degradation or environmental concerns at land-based recreation facilities (trail erosion, etc.)             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Addressing resource degradation or environmental concerns at water-based recreation facilities (water quality at beaches, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increasing part-time staffing levels  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

➤ Please indicate your organization's **top 3 management challenges**:

## **Part VII: Demographic Information**

➤ Please indicate your levels of education and major/s:

- ☐ High school or equivalent
- ☐ Associate's Degree
- ☐ Bachelor's Degree
- ☐ Master's Degree

☐ Doctoral Degree

☐ Other Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Your sex/gender:

☐ Female

☐ Male

➤ Your age:

☐ 25 or younger

☐ 26-35

☐ 36-45

☐ 46-55

☐ 56 over

➤ How long have you been involved in with conservation efforts in your community? \_\_\_\_\_year(s)

➤ What is your current position title? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ How long have you served in your current position? \_\_\_\_\_year/s

### **Part VIII: Open Comments**

Please feel free to add any additional comments related to public conservation needs in the state of New Hampshire. Feel free to attach a separate page if necessary. All feedback is appreciated!



**Thank you for your time, interest, and participation.**

**If you would like to receive a copy of the final report, including results of this survey, please fill in the form included in this mailing and return with your survey.**